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INDIA & DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TO ESTABLISH JOINT ECONOMIC AND TRADE COMMITTEE

The Union Cabinet has granted approval for the signing of a protocol to establish a Joint Economic and Trade Committee (JETCO) between India and the Dominican Republic.

The committee will be established between India's Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic.

India and the Dominican Republic share friendly bilateral relations, with deepening ties across various domains.

Currently lacking a bilateral institutional mechanism for trade and commerce, India imports gold from the Dominican Republic while exporting pharmaceuticals, marine products, motor vehicles, two and three-wheelers, among other goods.



The establishment of JETCO is expected to address challenges in the export of Indian products through mutual dialogue, opening avenues for increased exports of pharmaceuticals, automobiles, and engineering goods from India, thereby contributing to greater foreign exchange earnings in line with the vision of an Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Source: [knnindia](#)



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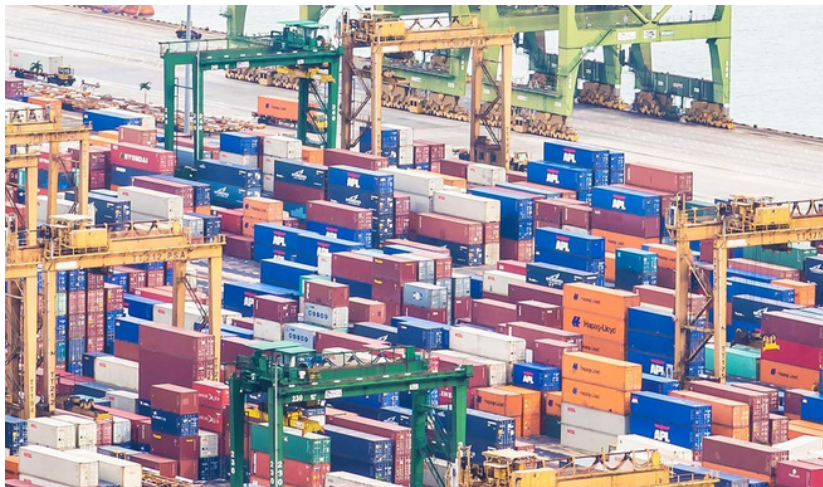
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GUJARAT AND MAHARASHTRA'S EXPORT SHARE SHRINKS IN INDIA'S TOTAL EXPORTS

India's major exporting states, Gujarat and Maharashtra, grapple with an 8 per cent decline in total exports between April and December 2023 due to global economic instability and demand constraints caused by ongoing geopolitical crises in Europe and West Asia.



Gujarat, contributing one-third to India's total exports, saw its exports drop from USD 108.6 billion to USD 100 billion during this period, impacting the nation's overall export performance.

Maharashtra, the second-highest exporting state, experienced a similar downturn, with exports decreasing from USD 53.8 billion to USD 49.4 billion.

Four of the top five exporting states, including Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh, witnessed a decline in total exports, contributing to a 4.5 per cent decrease in India's overall exports to USD 317.12 billion from USD 332.7 billion in FY23.

Notably, Tamil Nadu bucked the trend with a 5.3 per cent increase in exports.

The poor export performance resulted in a decrease in the export share of Gujarat and Maharashtra in India's total exports, falling to 32.14 per cent and 15.89 per cent, respectively.

The impact of the ongoing geopolitical tensions and economic uncertainties continues to reverberate in India's export landscape.

Source: knindia

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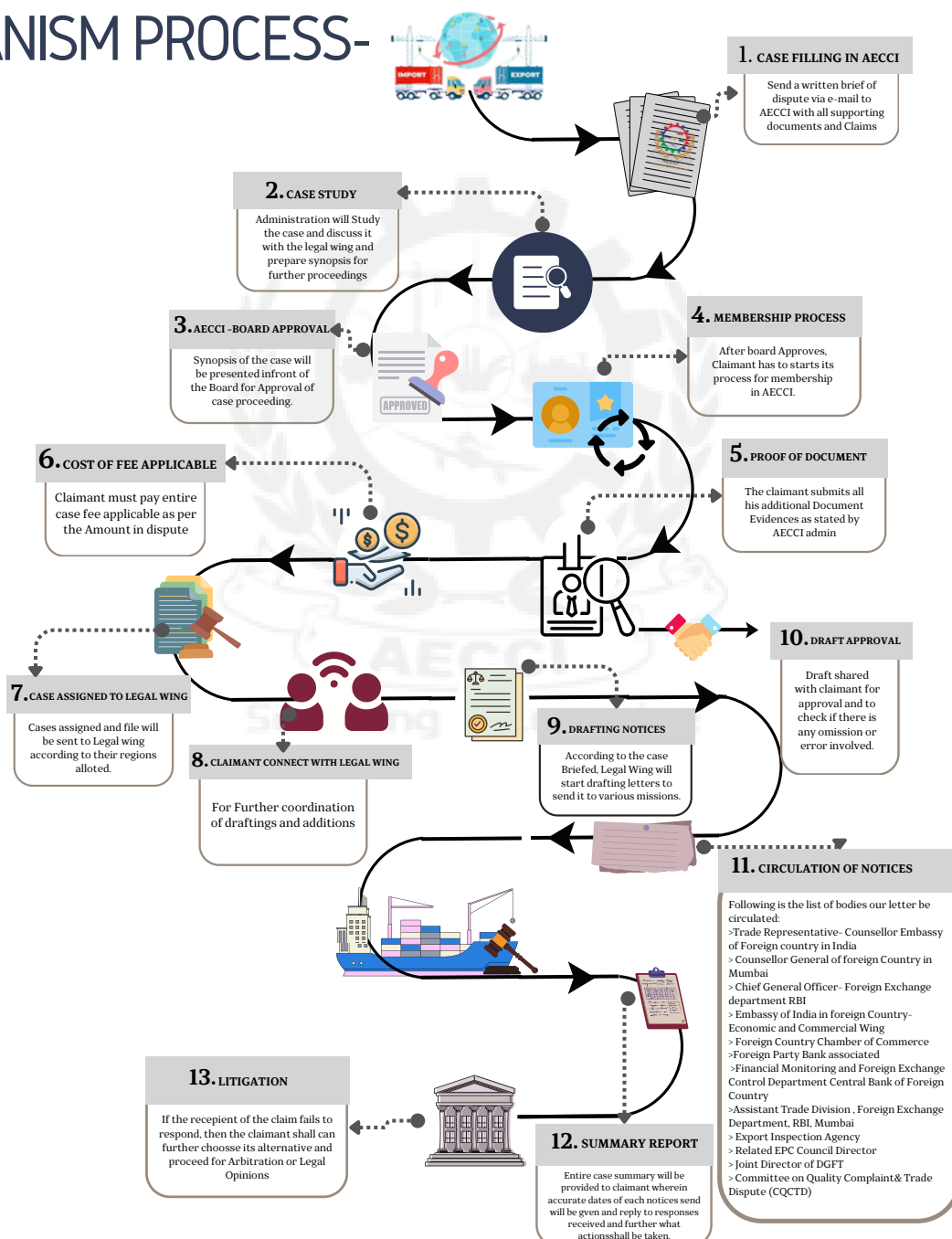
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DISPUTE RESOLUTION MECHANISM PROCESS-STEP-1



District court rules that it cannot compel arbitration where parties contracted to arbitrate pursuant to now-defunct DIFC LCIA Rules

Plaintiff Baker Hughes Saudi Arabia Co. Ltd. (“Baker Hughes”) contracted with Dynamic Industries Saudi Arabia, Ltd. (and other related Dynamic Industries entities named in the case as Defendants (collectively, “Dynamic”)) to supply materials, products, and services for an energy project Dynamic was working on in Saudi Arabia. The parties’ contract required that disputes, if not otherwise resolved, “shall be referred by either Party to and finally resolved by arbitration under the Arbitration Rules of the DIFC LCIA (the ‘Rules’) from time to time in force

The DIFC LCIA—the Dubai International Financial Center London Court of International Arbitration—was an arbitration center located in Dubai that applied international rules for arbitration based on those used in the London Court of International Arbitration. However, on September 20, 2021, Dubai enacted “Decree 34 of 2021 Concerning the Dubai International Arbitration Centre,” in which it abolished the DIFC LCIA and replaced it with the Dubai International Arbitration Centre (“DIAC”).

Thereafter, Baker Hughes filed suit against Dynamic in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, in New Orleans, alleging damages of \$1.355 million for unpaid services. Dynamic moved to dismiss the claims on the ground of forum non conveniens, and in the alternative, moved to compel arbitration. In opposition, Baker Hughes argued that the arbitration provision was unenforceable, because the selected forum, the DIFC LCIA, no longer existed.

Dynamic argued that, nevertheless, Baker Hughes should be compelled to arbitrate its claims in the DIAC, since the abolition decree not only transferred the assets, rights, and obligations of the DIFC LCIA to the DIAC, but also expressly stated that DIFC-LCIA arbitration agreements remained valid. The court found, however, that neither it nor the Dubai government had the authority to unilaterally change the arbitration forum agreed to by the parties.

Source: Global Arbitration News





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»»»» India and the world were dealing with the first tide of Covid-19 and the Prime Minister had announced a countrywide lockdown

»»»» A measure of inflation, fell by 0.3% last month from a year earlier. On Tuesday, official figures showed that China's exports fell by 14.5% in July compared with a year earlier.

»»»» Global Oil & Gas Exploration & Production. Exports for 2023: \$1,373,8B. The Global Oil and Gas Exploration and Production industry has gone through major turbulence over the five years to 2023.



NEPAL WANTS EASY ACCESS TO INDIAN MARKET TO EXPORT IN BULK AND ON LONG-TERM BASIS

The Nepal government on Friday said it wants to export tomatoes in bulk and on a long-term basis to India but for that, it needs to have easy access to the market and other necessary facilities.

The neighbouring country's plea came a day after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman told Parliament that India has started importing tomatoes from Nepal amid a record-high spike in prices in thIndia is importing tomatoes for the first time due to high retail prices which were as high as



Rs 242 per kg on Friday amid supply disruptions caused by heavy rains. Nepal is desirous to export vegetables, such as tomatoes, on a long-term basis to India, but for that India has to provide easy access to its market and other necessary facilities, Agriculture Ministry spokesperson Shabnam Shivakoti told PTI here.

started exporting tomatoes to India through official channels a week ago, it is not in big quantities, she said.

Arrangements are yet to be made for large scale export of tomatoes, she added.



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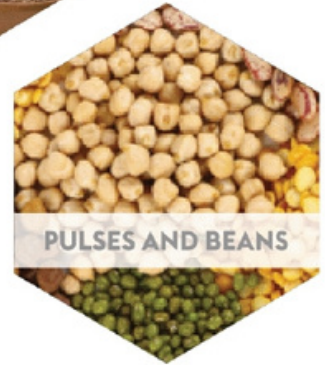
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